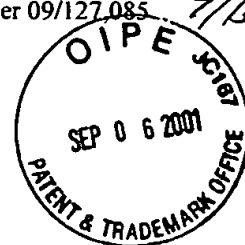
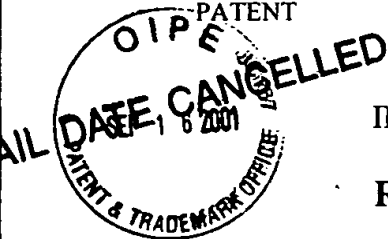


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2001, paper number 5, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows (A marked-up version is attached hereto):

2. (Amended) In a multiprocessor computer system having multiple interconnected processing nodes each with one or more processors and physical memory, a data structure stored in the physical memory on each node for storing a number of the current generation of data elements being processed by a processor on a node, the data structure comprising a variable stored in the physical memory of each node and containing the current generation number, wherein the current generation number on the nodes are updated in lockstep so that the nodes have local access to copies of the current generation number.

3. (Amended) In a multiprocessor computer system having multiple interconnected processing nodes each with one or more processors and physical memory, a method for a

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